

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 76, a budget trailer bill establishing authority and appropriating funds to implement the first stage of the hydrogen highway in California.

This bill expands the technologies eligible to seek funding from Public Interest Research, Development and Demonstration Fund to include projects that serve the energy needs of both stationary and transportation purposes and provide a benefit to the electricity ratepayer. The clear intent was to provide funding opportunities for emerging technologies within the existing resources in the program not to provide an avenue or reason to raise rates to fund additional activities.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger